Summer Drinks.

All know the torment of drinking warm, brackish water. I have used the following plan, which came under my e a year or two since: I bought half a dozen tin milk cans, holding four gallons each, and covered them with coarse, thick canyas, of a kind that absorbs water easily, drawing the cloths tightly around the can and sewing them so they could not get off. At night the cloths are dipped in a tub of water until they are thoroughly saturated; they are then filled with water and set where the breeze will blow upon them, and in the morning the water is quite cold and re-mains so during the day if the cloths are wet occasionally and the cans placed in the shade where they are exposed to a current of air. The men on going out to work take as many cans of water as they will need, and so have the luxury of cool water to drink during the heat of the day. Any kind of coarse cloth will do to cover the cans-the thicker the better- as they won't need wetting so often, but the cans must be kept closed

and the cloths wet to insure success. SPRUCE BEER .- One gallon of water, one quart of good molasses, one-fourth ounce whole cloves, one-fourth ounce white ginger-root, one-half ounce whole all well, I boil mine three hours. After taking it off the fire pour it into a clean tub and add one and a half gallons of water. Let this stand till milk-warm, then add two tablespoonfuls of baker's or brewer's yeast; then stand away in the cellar or some cool place during the night, covering it. The next day it will be fit for bottling. One or two raisins, with a few holes punched in them with a fork, placed in each bottle add greatly to its flavor. Put it in strong bottles, cork tightly, and tie down with twine. Set in a cool cellar, and in three or four

days it will be ripe.
GINGER ALE.—Ginger ale will form an excellent stimulating drink, and it can be made as easily in the city as the country. Procure four ounces of white ginger root and pound or bruise it thoroughly. Mix with it three ounces of cream of tartar; then slice up very finely eight large lemons, after squeezing out all the juice. Pour over the whole five gallons of boiling water, and stir into it five pounds of sugar. Let it stand until milk warm; then put in a large slice of dry bread, and pour over it a cupful of liquid yeast. Let it ferment for twelve hours, covering the whole with a cloth if you intend to bottle it: but if it is made in a keg, let it ferment through the bunghol for sixteen hours and then close it tightly, and in two days it will be ready for use. It will foam like cream ale, while its flavor will suit the most fastidious palate. It must be kept in an ice-house or the coldest of cellars or it will become sour; but that can be remedied by adding a tablespoonful of sugar to each glass of beer. If bottled, fill the bottles only two-thirds full, and fasten the corks with wire or twine. Don Patricia, in Farm and Fireside. Orchard and Garden Notes.

A Michigan lady says that one teaspoonful of kerosene to a gallon of water, sprinkled on plants with a hand-broom,

destroys green flies, currant worms and other pests, and has been used without injury on fuchsias, geraniums, callas and M. B. Bateham advises to wash grape

vines with a weak solution of carbolic soap, as helping to counteract the work of steel blue beetle on the buds, and also as having a tendency to kill off the seeds or sprouts of mildew which exist on the bark and buds of the vines during the winter season.

Put the hen coops under your fruit trees, and the old hen with her chicks there, and every morning knock on the trees with a quick, hard rap, and the lit-tic Turk will drop and chick will take

Scatter under the fruit trees, say a quart of sait to a full-grown fruit tree twice every week or two, until fruit is nearly grown, and it will greatly prevent the working and ravages of worms.

Look out for enterpillars. Take them early in the morning before the inmates have waked up and destroy the nests.

Feed the grapes, fruit trees, etc., if on poorest soil, with manure, and they will feed you.

Mr. J. B. Oleott mentions a successful trial of changing the bearing year of a large apple tree by picking off the bios-

soms-a day's work of a man, or \$1 25. Prof. Farrington, in a summary of the

experiments begun in 1870 by the Maine Agricultural College to ascertain which has the greater value as food for swine, cooked or uncooked meal, says: We have, by an experiment which has been continued through from three to four months of each of the nine years since its beginning, obtained evidence that all the money and labor expended in cooking meal for swine is more than thrown away. Remedy for Damp Walls.

So much sickness, too often fatal, re-sults from damp walls, that every precaution should be taken to remedy the evil. Readers of Rural Life interested may be benefited by heeding the following remedy from one who evidently knows whereof he affirms: Moisture may be kept from a brick wall by dissolving three-quarters of a pound of mottled soap in one gallon of boiling water, and spreading the hot solution steadily, with a large flat brush, over the surface of the brickwork, taking care that it does not lather. This is to be allowed to dry for twenty-four hours, when a solution formed of a quarter of a pound of alum dissolved in two gallons of water is to be applied in a similar manner over the coating of soap. The sorp and alum mutually decompose each other, and form an insoluble varnish

which the rain is unable to penetrate. The operation should be performed in dry, settled weather.—Moore's Rural Lettuce Running to Seed.

A German authority says that when lettuce shows signs of running to seed, if a knife be passed through one-half of the stem of the shooting head, the plant may be preserved good for an additional

The best plan we have ever known for preserving lettuce late, says the Prairie Farmer, is to transplant twice, once from the seed bed, pricking the plants out four inches apart, and then transplanting in the open ground 6x12 inches apart; as the rows begin to fill cut out one-half of the plants, and the balance will form fine large heads, if the ground be rich and moist, and they will remain well into the summer.

An Indian's Grit.

A short time ago a young unippewa hunter was shooting squirrels in the woods that border Lake Huron near Penetanguishene. Ont., when by some means a large blighted pine fell upon him, knocking him down and crushing his leg, which was fractured in two places. He could not rise—be places. He could not rise—he could not modes of burial. 3. Considered from a remove the tree which was lying across scientific, social, religious and sentimenbis broken leg. He was far from the probability of passing aid, and to lie there and starve to death in agony seemed all that was left to him. In his for it. 4. The expenses would not be dilemma, with all the fortitude and heavier than those of an ordinary burial. promotness of romance, he took out his with his sash, dragged himself along the It is now also officially authorized at ground to his canoe, and paddled him- Paris. self home to his wigwam on a distant island. There the care of his wounds was completed, and the man is still alive.

Female farmers' clubs prosper out physical development to be found among existing legislative bodies.

Sayings of Celebrities

Dean Stanley says: "Our leisure hours are among those that have the most importance in molding our characters. Our working hours are very important, but our leisure hours are those that form our tastes and our habits."

Lieutenant - Colonel Knollys says

surgeon, says: "Persons who drink water when dining probably enjoy food more than those who drink wine. They have generally better appetite and diges-tion, and they certainly preserve an appreciative palate longer than the wine-

drinker"
Mr. Thomas Hughes says: "The ideal American, as he has been painted for us of late, is a man who has shaken off the peror so solemnly enjoined to his son to peror so solemnly enjoined to his son to yoke of definite creeds, while retaining their moral essence, and finds the highest sanctions needed for the conduct of human life in experience tempered with

ommon sense."
The Earl of Dunraven says: "Whether connection with this country (Great Britain) or as independent, or as joined to the United States, or any portion of them, that vast region which is now called British North America will assuredly some day support the strongest, most powerful and most masterful pop-ulation on the continent of America."

Mr. W. E. Forster, M. P., says: "In dealing with the education of girls in the training colleges it has been found that they require little driving to work compared with boys, and that they are more susceptible to influences of ambition and a desire to succeed. The danger in the training colleges for elementary schools is from overwork. There is no fear that young women will not avail themselves of the opportunities offered."

Mr. Caird, the English agriculturist

says: "We are threatened with good things from America in a profusion be-yond past experience. The cost of transport from the rich corn lands of the interior has been vastly diminished and Liverpool is thus being brought as near the center of production as New York was twenty years ago. I believe there is a serious competition awaiting us from this cause, to which it would be

folly to close our eyes."

Dr. B. W. Richardson, the English chemist who first made known to the world certain facts concerning chloral, says that there are now chloral-drinkers just as there are dram-drinkers and opium-eaters; that the disease which he calls chloralism has become rather widespread among merchants, lawyers, doctors, artists, literary men, clergymen, and that if chloral cannot be kept for use within its legitimate sphere as a medicine, it would be better for man-kind not to have it at all.

Professor St. George Mivart says: "It is now known that a variety of animals habitually reproduce their kind, as plants so largely do, by a process of ex-ternal budding. This happens, for ex-ample, with the hydra and animals like it. Animals may even be propagated by cuttings. Thus, if a *.ydra or the common sea-anemone (cothea) be bisected, each half soon grows into the perfect form once more, and many worms (such as scyllis or catenula), and many ani-malcules, called infusoria, habitually multiply by self-made sections—that is, by spontaneous division or fission."

Color-Blindness.

Color-bundness, says an exchange, has been much talked about of late, and its existence has been conclusively proved. Out of a large number of railroad men employed on the roads converging at Dr. Keyser, of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, 34 per cent. mistook colors one for the other, and 84 per cent. were incapable of distinguishing shades of colors. Prof. Wilson, of Edinburgh, found that one person in twenty, or five per cent. of those examined, was color-blind. In Switzerland, 171 railroad employees and Switzerland, 171 railroad employees and society and proposed to the other inmates that they should all stay where they were, divide the rent and such service as was needed pro rata, and obtain their meals of a caterer by contract at so range was witzerland, 171 railroad employees out of 7,953 were discharged for color-blindness, and on the Paris and Lyons railroad ten per cent. were affected in the same way. The Marine Hospital Service has recently issued a circular, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, offering to examine seamen at all ports where officers of the service are stationed, without expense to the seamen or the masters of vessels. The examination covers all physical defects, including those of vision, and certificates of fitness or rejection will be given, and a record of all examinations will be placed on file with the Surgeon-General of the Marine Hospital Service at Washington. Dr. B. Joy Jeffries, of Boston, who appeared before the railroad committee of the Massachusetts Legislature last winter, and testified as to the prevalence and danger of color-blindness, has made one convert, the Boston and Hingham Steamboat Company, whose employees he has lately examined for color-blindness.

Area and Population of Texas.

Texas has a vast domain. Between he Sabine river on the east, the Red river on the West, and the 400 miles of oast line on the south you inclose 274,-000 square miles, or over 175,000,000 acres of territory. This one State is larger han the Kingdom of great Britain, larger than France, and larger than the German Empire. You could carve out of Texas thirty-five States as large as Massachusetts, or nearly six as large as New York. Place the six New England States on Texas, and you have covered but little more than one-fourth of the Great State. Add all the Middle States and still you have covered only about two-thirds. Not till you have combined Maryland, Virginia and Ohio with the Middle and New England States, do you equal the immense area of Texas.

And this "lone star" is not so lonely

as some may imagine. It already has a population of 2,000,000, and the marvelous immigration now pouring into the State increases the number at the rate of 300,000 a year. These new settlers are mostly from the Northern States and from Europe. Well, let them come-

"Uncle Sam is rich enough To buy us all a farm."

You could gather the entire popula-tion of the United States into Texas, and not have it more crowded than some parts of our land are now .- Troy Times.

Favoring Cremation.

The Municipal Council of Udine, a own of Italy about forty miles from Venice, has lately published a decree in which it declares that, after having duly weighed and considered the advantages and drawbacks of cremation versus interment, it has come to the conclusion that the former is in every respect preferable modes of burial. 3. Considered from a Cremation has been long introduced, and is carried out at Milan as at Gotha.

PRINCE NAPOLEON'S TALISMAN.

History of the Reliquory that the Zule Left Beside his Body. In the will of Napoleon III, occurs the following remarkable passage: "With regard to my son, let him keep as a talis-man the seal I used to wear attached to Lieutenant - Colonel Knollys says:
"That the ranks of the British army are now filled with immature boys is a fact obvious to any one who will use his eyes. Officers deplore it, the press calls attention to it and the authorities do not attempt to deny it."

Sir Henry Thompson, the English surgeon, says: "Persons who drink surgeon, says: "Persons who drink of the late ex-Prince Imperial contains of the late ex-Prince Imperial contains these words: "The prince's body was found stripped of all clothing, but had not suffered any mutilation, and the re-liquary which he were suspended by a

chain from his neck, together with his watch and rings, which was found lying wear, which he did wear, and which returned to his mother from that wild scene beside the Tombakala, is almost ertainly theonce famous charm of the Charlemagne. It has a more interesting story than any gem in Europe, if not in the world. In the course of studies for other purposes I have recently come upon legendary traces of this curious ob-

"La plus belle relique de l'Europe," as n French antiquarian described it in the last generation, was by one myth said to have been contrived by one of the Magi belonging to the court of Haroun-al-Raschid, who came from the cast to pay homage to the great emperor of the west along with certain ambassadors. The wife of Charlemagne, Fastrada, asked the Magi for a talisman which would always cause her husband to be fascinated by its wearer, and this charm was framed at her instance. But another fable ascribed to it the following origin: While Charlemagne had his seat at Zum Loch, near Zurich, administering exact justice to all, he had a column fixed at his gates with a bell and a rope. It was open to any one demanding justice to sound this bell; and when the was repeatedly rung without any person being found near it. At length an enormous serpent was found twined around the rope. The emperor hearing this immediately went forth; the serpent inclined respectfully before him, and then moved slowly off. Charlemagne followed it to the river, where he saw a mostrous toad sitting upon the nest and egas of the serpent. Resolved to administer justice to all creatures, the empelor of red the toad to be burned.

aving dropped a precious stone into a golden goblet, glided quietly away. The emperor, impressed by this marvel, built on the spot where the serpent's nest had been a church called "Wasser-kelch." He gave the precious stone to his beloved spouse, Fastrada. The stone so drew toward her the emperor's love that he could hardlysuffer her out of his sight. In the hour of her death the empress, dreading lest another should succeed her in the affections of the emperor, placed the gem beneath her tongue, and it was buried w'th her. Charlemagne could not separate himself from the body, and for eighteen years carried it about with him. At length his confes-sor, by some black art, discovered the stone and its virtues; after which Char-lemagne allowed the body to be in-terred, and transferred his affection to the confessor, who became his prime minister, archbishop of Mainz, and chancellor of the empire. But then, were made bare. But when Charlemagne came to die his throes were long and riolent; and the archbishop, knowing the cause, had the lake dragged for the gem he had thrown into it. The talisnan having been restored to the person of the monarch, he died peacefully (814). The tomb of Charlemagne, at Aix-la-Chapelle, was opened by Otto III. in 997, and it is said that the wonderful gem was found suspended from his neck. However that may be, the gem had been for a long time the most valued re-lic in Aix-la-Chapelle when it was presented by that city to Napoleon I. was at a moment when he seemed to many, pre-cuinently to himself, an avatar of Charlemagne. Napoleon presented it to his favorite Hortense, ci-devant Queen of Holland. At her death, in 1837, it passed to her son, Napoleon III. It shared his imprisonment at Ham and ecompanied him through all his vicissi-

tudes. In the course of its long history the precious stone has undergone evolutions. The nut-like stone constituting its basis is surrounded by antique filigree of fine gold, and is set with various gems. There are several relies about it.

It is open to speculation how far the young ex-prince was influenced by this talisman. That which his father wore at his watch chain the son wore suspended upon his breast, as Catholics wear the most sacred reliquaries in whose protective virtues they believe. The strange mystical addresses to the Delay found among this youth's papers himself which amounts to a psychologial phenomenon. At the seat of war, in Africa, he displayed a recklessness which has led some to believe that his desire to do "something to get himself talked about" (words reported from him by his intimate friend M. Amigues) amounted natural rashness of disposition, and the fatal forces by secret faith in the potency of this talisman .- Moneure D. Conway, in

Harper's Weekly. American Physique. It has been, and is with a large class of people to-day, a generally received opinion that Americans as a whole are deficient in physical development. The ideal Jonathan, a lean and withal wiry specimen of humanity, has been popularly looked upon as the typical Ameri-can citizen; but let us see if this theory is borne out by adequate evidence. distinguished lecturer connected with the Harvard Medical School recently stated before one of his classes that, on a careful comparison of the vital statis-tics of school children in this country with those of the same class in England, he found the Americans slightly superior to their English cousins in strength and stature. This statement, coming as it does from so high an authority, must be a surprise even to many scientific men.

The fact is there has been a vast change in the physical condition of American citizens during the past half century. The statistics of our army surgeons in the late war show that our native soldiers were taller and stouter than their comrades from England, Ireland or Germany. All our representative men of late years, with few exceptions, have been men of magnificent physique. The members of our present Congress are remarkable in this respect, and undoubtedly afford the finest spectacle of

thusiasm for athletic sports, stands even now at the head of the nations in physi-A few days after this serpent crept into the judgment hall, bowed low to the emperor, crept upon the table, and this certainly is a good omen for the future.—Boston Trav-

eller.

people are better fed, better clothed, bet-

ter able to withstand the sudden changes so injurious to a foreigner, and in this

accumulation and transmission of wealth

Mr. Beard also finds the agents which are to alleviate nervous disorders. With

increased prosperity comes leisure, and with leisure physical improvement, and the above-mentioned writer pictures to

himself an ideal state of society in which the wealthy few will be occupied in ad-

vancing the temporal welfare of the

needy many. His summing up of the result of race evolution during the past

result of race evolution during the past history of the nation is, however, entirely satisfactory; he says: "During the last two decades, the well-to-do classes of America have been visibly growing stronger, fuller, healthier. We weigh more than our fathers; the women is all our great earters of completion and

in all our great centers of populatio 1 are

yearly becoming more plump and beau-tiful, and in the leading brain-working

occupations our men are also acquiring robustness, amplitude, quantity of being. On all sides there is a visible reversion

to the better physical appearance of our English and German ancestors. A thou-

sand boys and girls, a thousand men in

sand boys and girls, a thousand their in the prima of years, taken by accident in any of our large cities, are heavier and more substantial than were the same number of the same age and walk of life twenty-five years ago."

Whence it appears that the American, in spite of his much-derided want of en-

A New Co-operative Experiment. Necessity has always been the bright mother of invention, writes Jennie June fro n New York to the Baltimore Ameri-can, and thus unpleasant circumstances are not infrequently the parents of bril-liant ideas which lead to the happiest results. The other morning the inmates of a first-class boarding-house on one of the fashionable side streets up town awoke to find themselves minus a landlady and breakfast. The house had been taken furnished two weeks before, and tilled up with a very nice class of boarders. Their bills had generally become due on the night before, and had been promptly paid. The landlady, thus in possession of funds, summarily disappeared, leaving nothing but a few unpaid meat and grocery expenses. A council was held. The house was cool and pleasantly situated, the servants

week. This was a new idea to most of thein. but it is 'not at all unknown to persons living on flats or in "rooms" without kitchen privileges. A caterer was found who, at an average of five dollars per week per head, agreed to furnish two meals, breakfast and dinner, every item being supplied, down to the smallest detail of relish or condiment. The experiment has worked, so far, admirably. Five dollars per week in addition to the five paid to the caterer by each person provides for rent, gas and service, and the supplies of food are sufficiently abundant to leave plenty for lunch for those ladies or gentlemen who require that meal at home. The expenses, there-fore, are ten dollars per week for each individual, or twenty dollars for a mar-ried couple, and for this sum they have a pleasant home on a fashionable street, a liberal table, well cooked and well served, without heat or trouble in the house, and freedom from all responsibility. The only item that seems to be left unprovided for is incidental expenses, which arise in all households, and the wear and tear of furniture. But, of course, in the hire of a furnished house the natural wear and tear is counted in as part of the rent,

A Leap for Life.

and, therefore, our co-operative friends

in this instance have only their own mis-

haps to look out for, and for these each

individually is held responsible.

While a laborer was engaged in managing a large wooden box used for hoisting brick at the stacks being erected at the Paxton furnaces, near Harrisburg, Pa., he met with an escape in a perilous situation that perhaps never occurred before under similar circumstances. A load of brick had been delivered to the to insanity, while others believe that he sought death. But it is possible that a one hundred and forty feet, and the laborer in question was standing on the tradition that a Napoleon must begin edge of this wall rising to this immense with a military halo, were turned to altitude, guiding the ascending bucket to keep it in the center of the stack. doing this he had to lean forward to catch the rope, thus poising himself over the fearful chasm. In this position, when the box had descended about twenty feet, the man lost his hold of the rope while still bending forward. It was a moment of terrible peril and awful horror, in which presence of mind alone saved him. The man instantly jumped into the box, and thus descended with lightning velocity to the earth beneath, the box, when it touched the ground, rebounding with great force. The effect was tremendous, jarring the man severely, but singular to say, not doing him any serious injury. But what an escape! Had the man fallen and even caught an outside hold of the box, he would have been either torn to pieces in swagging against the wall, or crushed beneath the heavy box when it reached the ground.

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Mulignant and subtle indeed is the poison of scrofula, and terrible are its ravages in the during the first century of this nation's existence. Our English ancestors, coming to these then inhospitable shores, system. They may, however, be permanently stayed and the descrictive virus expelled from the circulation with Scovill's Blood and Liver Syrup, a potent vegetable detergent which eradicates all skin diseases, 'eaving no vestige brought with them their English temperament which had been developed through centuries of residence in a moist of them behind. White swelling, salt rheum, tetter, abscesses, liver complaint and eruptions and equable climate. Time was required to bring about a change, but from the day the Pilgrim Fathers landed on of every description are invariably conquered by it. Druggists sell it.

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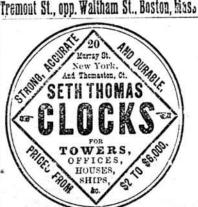
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